

MERIWETHER'S CONTEST FILED

He Questions Mayor Wells' Right to Serve.

ACTION AT 2:15 P. M. TODAY

MERIWETHER MAKES SWEEPING
ASSERTIONS OF FRAUD.

Notice of Coming Contest Was Served
Friday Morning on Mayor Wells,
Who Tossed the Papers
Aside.

The contest proceedings of Lee Meriwether against Rolla Wells, involving the office of mayor of St. Louis, were filed in the circuit clerk's office at 2:15 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The petition covers 15 typewritten pages, containing specific charges of fraud in a great many instances. The petition was filed by Attorney W. F. Smith.

Frank S. Kowalski, manager of Lee Meriwether's campaign, called at the City Hall Friday morning and served Mayor Wells with notice of contest.

The mayor took the papers without comment, tossed them to one side and proceeded with the dictation of a letter. To the Post-Dispatch he said:

"Two men called at my residence Thursday night and said they had some papers to serve upon me. I asked them if they were officers and they replied that they were not. I then told them that I could not receive their papers and left the room."

"Have you accepted service in the Meriwether contest?" the mayor was asked.

"Well, the papers are there. If they constitute legal service, I suppose I have. I have not investigated the law on the subject and know nothing of the requirements. I invited Mr. Parker, my nearest opponent, to make a contest in order to ascertain the facts in the case. I have no objection except to get at the truth, and my only reason for refusing to accept the papers Thursday night was the seeming irregularity of the proceeding."

The two men who called at Mayor Wells' residence Thursday night were Mr. Kowalski and B. C. Crocker, representatives of the Public Ownership party. They assert that after taking the papers and ascertaining their character, Mayor Wells threw them back at Mr. Cate and left the room.

A little later there were also invited to leave by a servant. They took the papers with them.

Lee Meriwether said Friday morning: "The law requires that notice of contest must be filed by the contestant upon the contestee before the suit is filed in court. Two of our people were must unceremoniously treated by Mayor Wells. He appeared either ignorant of the law or anxious to evade service."

Meriwether

"Feared 'The Gang'."

Mr. Kowalski left the papers with him this morning, and if he had not accepted them we would have posted him at the courthouse door as the law directs.

"The notice was not served by deputy sheriffs, partly because the law does not require it, and partly because the deputy sheriffs are controlled by the gang, and we had no certainty that we would secure service until too late."

Mr. Meriwether said that in the contest are a sweeping character. It is first asserted that the Public Ownership party, majority of the votes cast for mayor on April 2 and that from 25 to 30 ballots cast for him in each precinct were counted for him.

Further charges are that in 23 precincts men served as judges of election who had no right to do so, and that in many of these and others where the challengers of the Public Ownership candidates would make a contest, the majority being made the test case.

At the office of W. M. Kinsey, attorney for George W. Parker in the contest which is in preparation, it was stated this morning that notice of contest would be filed upon Mayor Wells during the day, in all probability. The contest will have until Saturday to file.

Attorneys say that notice of a contested election does not have to be served by deputy sheriffs, but can be served by anyone representing the contestant, provided it is sworn to before a notary.

SHE SAVED THE BABY'S LIFE

Thought of the Child Came as Mrs. Mokiewicz Topped Over a Precipice to Death.

LA SALLE, Ill., April 26.—Natural mother love triumphed over self and the life of a little child was saved, though the life of her aunt was lost in a dramatic accident here yesterday.

While Joseph Mokiewicz and wife and niece, 2 years old, were driving down Fourth street, Peru, across what is called the "big hill," their horse balked and backed down over the edge of the roadway, and as a result the horse, wagon and two occupants were toppled into the ravine, 100 feet below.

The woman, realizing their predicament, grasped the child from the wagon. Mary Gahl, aged 10 years, who was near by, grasped the baby just as it was rolling near the edge of the precipice and carried it to a place of safety. The horse was instantly killed and the woman received injuries from the effects of which she died. The man's injuries are considered fatal.

FRANCIS D. BEARD DEAD.

Millionaire Horse Owner Operated Upon for Appendicitis.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Francis D. Beard, the millionaire horse owner, died early today at his home at Lakewood, N. J. Mr. Beard underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday night, and at first it was believed he would recover, but a change for the worse was noticed last evening. No arrangements have been made for the funeral as yet. Mr. Beard has for years been a prominent exhibitor at the National Horse show. His horse, "Lassie," won the Suburban Handicap several years ago. He inherited a large fortune from his father.



PROF. CHARLES R. EASTMAN AND HIS FATHER. Sketched in the courtroom, Cambridge, Mass., where Eastman is on trial for murder.

HER EVIDENCE FOR EASTMAN

State Witness' Testimony Favored the Defendant.

TOLD OF HIS GREAT GRIEF

DRAMATIC RECITAL OF HOW HE
HEARD OF GROGAN'S DEATH.

Eastman, She Testified, Said in Dying
Man's Presence that the Shoot-
ing Was the Result of an
Accident.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 26.—Miss Mary Milner, sworn as a state's witness, proved a jewel for Prof. Eastman, charged with murdering his brother-in-law, Richard Grogan. She is a trained nurse, 23 years old, small, slender, blue-eyed and clear-headed.

She reached the dying man while he lay in the yard. At the examination she said Grogan accused Eastman of murdering him. She was not allowed to tell this today. She was allowed to say that Grogan had said: "There is the man that shot me," that Eastman had then told her that he had shot Grogan, that she had said, "Oh, but you didn't mean to do it," that Eastman had declared that he gave to the defense an excellent hearing. She said that after Grogan's death she "did not seem to understand."

Miss Milner was handed over to the defense for cross-examination. It was now that she gave to the defense an excellent hearing. She said that after Grogan's death she "did not seem to understand."

"What did Eastman say when he met you?"

"He made a dramatic gesture and said: 'How is he now?' with as much of compassion and sorrow and anxiety as any histrionic master of the emotions could have put into those four words. He is gone, he—his dead, went on the witness, her voice low, her face flushed and her eyes bright. There was a great silence. Miss Milner continued:

"Dr. Eastman said to me: 'My God. Do not say dead.'"

"Then the nurse's voice fell and her head bowed low. She was shaken and her eyes were tears in other eyes. Too late Mr. Eastman's counsel asked a question or two and then said: 'That's all.'"

"Hold," cried Attorney-General Knowlton, and here the prosecution swallowed a bitter pill, indeed.

"Miss Milner, did you not say before the trial that you would help Mr. Eastman all you could?"

"The answer came birdlike and sweet: 'Perhaps. Yes, I may have said so, no doubt I did.'"

"Why did you say that?" asked Eastman's counsel.

"Because I would help anyone," "Because," cried the attorney-general.

"Not allowed," said the court. The trial may consume two weeks.

After the three days up to what may be called "eye witnesses," testimony in the case of Charles R. Eastman, the Harvard instructor, who is charged with the murder of Richard H. Grogan, Jr., the government, which figured in the tragedy, Karl A. London, Jr., an employee of the Eastman, was the first witness today. He identified all the witnesses with the case as those he had seen and handled on the Clarke estate.

A HOROSCOPE.

What are the wild waves saying, sister? The words they speak you sure can catch. Each billow says, each whitening water, "Read the Sunday Post-Dispatch."

Speaking of wild waves, there is a man who has invented a boat which runs without engines, motors, fuel or steam. It steers itself and it can't possibly run into another vessel or hit upon a rock. Scientists rave over it. You will marvel when you read about it in the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

You've heard about Schwab, the wonderful man who has convinced a great trust that he is worth a fortune every time he breathes. There is a man who got his start in life in St. Louis who bids fair to beat the mighty Schwab at his own game. His fortune was founded on a vapor. From that vapor he has emerged into a blaze of light. You may know him personally.

The strangest man in the world showed St. Louis people how to be healthy on a diet of cigarettes and black coffee. He will tell all about the secret of strength in the Sunday Post-Dispatch. Another man of a different type is an athlete at the age of 90 years. He says any man can live to be 100 if he will watch his P's and Q's. Watch your P-D Sunday and you'll find out how it's done.

St. Louis wants to be the golf center of the United States. The Sunday Post-Dispatch will tell how this may be brought about with something about the championships which may be played here.

You will find out all about the latest things in shirtwaists and the new spring styles for men. If you desire to be beautiful, read the Sunday Post-Dispatch. Hubbard Ayer and Margaret Rathbone Kent will tell you how to do it.

The strangest man in St. Louis is one of the strangest men in the world. He gave his inheritance to the people of St. Louis. Now he goes for a living. He carries a loaf of bread in his pocket when he gets hungry he buys a bowl of soup to go with the bread. If soup were more consistent he would carry that in his pocket. Too the door of a boulevard home is always open to him, but he scorns the shelter of a luxurious roof. Read about him and see his picture in the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

There is a colony of men and girls near St. Louis who live a strenuous life. They work all the year round to make their children happy one day. They risk their lives to do it, too. They will be told about and pictured in the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

What is a microbe good for? Now, don't say it is good for nothing. All microbes are not pests and there are some varieties that you couldn't live without. When you read about these friendly microbes you will want to shake hands with the first one you meet.

If you ever drifted down the Mississippi it's ten chances to one that you didn't think of the seven hundred men who were straining every nerve to keep you from going to the bottom. It is an interesting story, and its story will be told in an interesting way in the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

If you had just missed a chance to have an income of \$12,000,000 a year wouldn't you feel a little bit sore? A poor man who might have owned the richest mine in the United States will tell how he missed the prize.

A St. Louis man makes grand church organs with a penknife. For this work he receives 80 cents a day. He has the power to fix his prices, but he really doesn't care for money. Money worries him.

The Angles goat is the latest aspirant for animal honors. He has made his debut in Missouri and he has the Belgian hare on the run. Read about him in the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

One of the most powerful railroad magnates in the United States was once a clerk on a St. Louis wharfboat. He used to count the days between paydays. Now he has money by the million and he makes paydays for thousands of employees.

When Sir Thomas Lipton comes over to swipe the yachting trophy he may capture another prize. Dan Cupid says the lady-well, he'll tell you all he knows through the Sunday Post-Dispatch.

Minister Conger who represented the United States at Pekin during the Boxer troubles, is on his way home. Read how the people of Iowa will honor him.

A St. Louis astrologer, who is the proprietor of the most-talked-of man in St. Louis. The forecast has considerable bearing on World's Fair prospects. It tells just what the planets are planning.

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENTS

Proposed Charter Changes Come Up Again.

TO BE CONSIDERED FRIDAY

COUNCIL BILL WILL BE REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE.

These Are the Amendments Proposed by the Public Welfare Commission, Which Died in the House Committee.

The bill submitting proposed charter amendments to the members of the city will receive its second reading at Friday's meeting of the Council and will be referred to a committee by President Hornsby.

The bill was referred in the last Council to the committee on legislation. The same committee in the present Council consists of Messrs. Markham, Richards and Gibson, and it is expected that these gentlemen will be given the task of considering and reporting on the bill.

Of the five proposed amendments, which were prepared by the non-partisan Commission of Public Welfare, the third and fourth, relating respectively to revenue and taxation and to public improvements, contain the most important changes from present methods.

The first amendment relates to the legislative department, the second to the administrative department and the fifth to the water works. It is provided that the amendments shall be voted on at a special election, to be held after the passage of the bill by the Municipal Assembly and its signature by the mayor.

Amendment number four, relating to improvements, divides the district system of paying for street improvements, which is designed to remove a portion of the burdens from owners of corner property, and introduces the installment plan for street construction or district sewer construction.

One-fourth of the cost of street reconstruction is to be paid by the property fronting on the street, following the present front foot plan. The other three-fourths shall be divided among all the property owners of the district and shall be assessed in proportion to the value of property. The districts are to be bounded by lines drawn on each side of the street to be improved, midway between it and the next parallel or converging street on each side.

The installment plan for street improvement. The installment plan of paying tax bills for street or sewer improvements allows the payment to be made in not less than three or more than seven annual payments.

Interest will accumulate on installments after the first at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, if paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum, if paid within six months after maturity, interest must be paid from the date of maturity at the rate of 10 per cent, and if paid more than six months after maturity, at the rate of 15 per cent.

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A fund for the payment of interest and principal on the city's debt is to be kept distinct from other classes of revenue. The fifth amendment forbids the sale or mortgage of city property for less than its value.

The assembly has the power to appropriate the revenue obtained from the waterworks for the extension of the system and for the renewal of waterworks bonds.

The first amendment, relating to legislation, provides for the return of all bills to report all bills within 60 days after the time they are introduced.

The amendments were passed by the last Council, but were allowed to die in a committee of the House of Delegates.

SHOWERS "POSSIBLY" ON TAP

Whether or Not They Arrive, Opines the Seer It Will Be Cooler Saturday.

The showers that Dr. Hyatt said would "probably" reach St. Louis Thursday night or Friday morning he now announces will "possibly" arrive Friday night or Saturday.

"They are coming more slowly than I anticipated," said the doctor Friday, "but they will get here all right, all right."

"Showers are coming from the Northwest and will bring some cooler weather with them. It is snowing this morning in Helena, Mont., and it is cold throughout the northern Pacific states."

Dr. Hyatt says Sunday will be fine.

THE WEATHER INDICATIONS.

UNSETTLED.

For St. Louis and vicinity—Unsettled, with possibly showers Friday night or Saturday; cooler Saturday.

Missouri and Iowa—Fair Friday night; possibly followed by showers Saturday in western portions; brisk southeast winds.

Kansas—Fair Friday night; possibly showers and cooler Saturday; south to west winds.

Arkansas—Partly cloudy Friday night and Saturday; probably showers; cooler Saturday; easterly to southerly winds.

Eastern Texas—Partly cloudy Friday night and Saturday; probably showers; cooler Saturday; easterly to southerly winds.

SHOWING HIM THE SIGHTS



THE BOOM IS ON ST. LOUISAN FOR

MONSTER MERCANTILE HOUSE TO BE ERECTED ON WASHINGTON.

WILL COVER WHOLE BLOCK

And Run From Twentieth to Twenty-first Street—The Wholesale District to Reach Jefferson.

The most startling and sensational development of the real estate movement on Washington avenue has transpired in the fact that Mr. S. H. Leathe is having plans prepared for a monster mercantile house to be erected on the block between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, fronting 350 feet on that thoroughfare and having a depth of 137 feet to Lucas avenue. The plans are being prepared by Messrs. Barnett, Haynes & Barnett, and the intention is to have the work begin and the structure finished as soon as possible. It is to be occupied by a large woolen goods house.

One significant feature of this development is that the "wholesale district" on Washington avenue is to go as far west as the corner of Twentieth street, which is only two blocks beyond this proposed building. Only two weeks the prophets have changed their horoscopes and said that "the district" would extend out to Eighteenth street. And now it is evident that anything on Washington avenue as far out as Jefferson avenue is a safe investment.

TOLSTOI'S LETTER TO THE CZAR

Protest Against the Suppression of Intellectual and Political Progress in Russia.

BERLIN, April 26.—The National Zeitung today prints Russian special correspondence which contains another version of the letter Count Leo Tolstoy, April 10, addressed to the Czar and cabinet. The letter protested against the system of forcibly suppressing intellectual and political progress and counseled the liberation of the peasants from despotic treatment, the removal of all barriers of enlightenment and the free profession of any faith. The letter concludes:

"This appeal have I, Leo Tolstoy, written not as a personal conviction, but as the conviction of millions belonging to Russian intelligence."

The correspondent asserts that the letter has made the deepest impression throughout Russia.

FIVE MEN BURIED IN MINE

The Earth Caved in and They Are Entombed 110 Feet Below the Surface.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 26.—The Rosebud mine at Aurora caved in today and buried five men at a depth of 10 feet. It may be a month before the men can be reached. Their names are: Grant and William Shane, Elmer Bigger, John Gilland and Foster.

CONSUL HAY RESIGNS.

He Was the United States Representative at Pretoria.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Adelbert Hay, son of the secretary of state, has resigned his place as consul-general at Pretoria. The resignation takes effect tomorrow. His successor has not yet been selected.

CUPID QUIET IN

DIVORCE COURT

Divorcees First Met and Arranged Wedding There.

HEARD EACH OTHER'S STORY

SIMILAR MISFORTUNES AROUSED SYMPATHY AND INTEREST.

Albert Lee Introduced Himself to Mrs. Lucinda Lewis, Pushed His Suit and They Were Married Within an Hour.

The dream was really shattered—Both Albert's and Lucinda's. But devil a bit it mattered. For, by each other fastened. (Ah, such are Cupid's children!) They picked the fragments up, and then began to dream the dream again!

At Edwardsville, Ill., Thursday, Dan Cupid cut high links. A man and a woman met for the first time in a divorce court. Each was plaintiff in a divorce suit. Each was before he departed from the courtroom the man won again. He proposed marriage to the fair ex-wife, who was willing. In the office of the attorney who had conducted both their suits they were made husband and wife.

Cupid perched on the bar of the divorce court. Unexpectantly the dainty and delicate god of love fired two arrows into hearts already pierced.

Don Cupid never misses. And so it happened that the who was Lucinda Lewis is now Lucinda Lee.

While Albert B. Lee of East Alton sat in the courtroom awaiting Judge Cook's decision in his suit for divorce on the charge of desertion, he began a whispered conversation with an attractive young woman who happened to occupy a vacant seat beside him. Having heard her testify in a suit following his own, Mr. Lee knew that she was Mrs. Lucinda Lewis, also of East Alton, seeking a divorce from Matthew Lewis.

"Our cases were heard by the same judge," said Lee. "Yes," answered Mrs. Lewis, "my husband deserted me seven years ago. He has refused to support me."

"My wife deserted me several years ago," said Lee. "I don't know where she is. The story each had told on the witness stand apparently impressed the other favorably. They developed that, following which makes the whole world kin. In fact, it made them feel as if they ought to be kin-folks."

When Judge Cook announced his decision, granting a decree to each plaintiff, acquiescing in the divorce, the two young married lives were being over, they were there to make good eyes in any direction. There were no more strings to be pulled. They were free. "Was a precious moment."

Lee Opens Marriage Question. Albert leaned over toward Lucinda and whispered in her ear: "Have you ever thought of getting married again?"

Lucinda blushed. It was so sudden. "I've hardly had time to think yet," she blushed. "But I think if the right man should appear and I could love him better than I loved Matt I might say."

Albert caught his breath and looked toward the young man's eyes in Albert's yard the grass was green and a redoubt tree was budding. It was spring—that delightful season when a young man's eyes lightly turns to thoughts of love without second thought.

When he turned again to his fair companion-ah, companion!—she was blushing like the redoubt tree.

It was all up with Albert. There was some more whispering. Cupid changed his perch to the back of their seats. Albert asked a question. Lucinda nodded.

The young man then turned to the clerk's desk and saw that the judge had signed both decrees. He beckoned Mrs. Lewis to follow him into the corridor, where Mr. Glass, their attorney, joined them. "Let me congratulate you both," said the lawyer.

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STOLE A SAFE FULL OF GOLD

Robbers Broke Into a Saloon and Carried Off the Strong Box Containing \$10,000 in Gold.

ANACONDA, Mont., April 26.—A most audacious robbery was committed here early today by two burglars who secured \$10,000 in gold. The burglars entered the Alaska saloon by forcing the main street door. Bodily picking up a strong box, they loaded it onto an express wagon.

Driving outside the city limits they broke the safe open and secured the \$10,000 in gold. Putting the broken safe back into the wagon, they started out to give Mr. and Mrs. Lee some advice.

"Since you were married," you should never throw stones at each other."

HEAVY STORM AT SELIGMAN.

Hail and Rain Destroyed Trestles and Railroad Tracks.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SELIGMAN, Mo., April 26.—A tremendous hail and rain storm struck this place last night, and immense damage was wrought. The rain fell in torrents, and the hail stones were the size of walnuts. Six trestles and four miles of track of the H. L. & N. R. road were destroyed. Telegraph, telephone and rail connections with Aurora, Oregon and points east are severed. Much loss is reported from all sides.

Collector Bidwell Retained.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The President today reappointed George N. Bidwell to the office of collector of the port of New York.

HEAD SEVERED FROM THE BODY

Horrible Execution of Black Jack the Outlaw.

HIS NAME WAS THOS. KETCHUM
LOST AN ARM IN THE LAST CRIME HE COMMITTED.

Alone He Held Up a Colorado and Southern Passenger Train and Wounded Conductor and Mail Agent.

LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
CLAYTON, N. M., April 26.—Thomas E. Ketchum, who was hanged here at noon today, mailed the following letter to President McKinley this morning:
"CLAYTON, N. M., April 26, 1901.
"To His Excellency, the President of the United States, Washington, D. C.
"Sir—Being now at the town of Clayton, N. M., awaiting my execution, which is set for this day, and realizing the importance to the history of our nation and the duty which I conceive to be incumbent upon myself, standing in the presence of death, where no human aid can reach me, I desire to communicate to you by means of this letter some facts which I deem would be of interest to people through their President, and perhaps be the means of liberating innocent men.
"There are now three men in Santa Fe penitentiary serving sentences for the robbery of the United States mail at St. Paul, Ariz., in 1897, viz., Leonard Albertson, Walter Hoffman and Bill Waterman, and they are as innocent of the crime as an unborn babe. The names of the men who committed the crime are Dave Atkins, Ed Bullin, Will Carter, Sam Ketchum, Bronco Bill and myself.
"I have given to my attorney in Clayton means by which articles taken in said robbery may be found where we hid them, and also the names of witnesses who live in that vicinity, who will testify that my self and gang were in that neighborhood both immediately before and after the robbery.
"The fact that these men are innocent and are suffering impels me to make this confession. While you cannot help me, while I realize that all efforts to secure to me a commutation of my sentence have failed, I wish to do this much in the interest of the innocent men, who, so far as I know, never committed a crime in their lives.
"I make this statement, fully realizing that my end is fast approaching, and that I must very soon meet my maker. Very respectfully, your servant,
"T. E. KETCHUM."

CLAYTON, N. M., April 26.—Thos. Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," outlaw and train robber, was hanged here at 1 p. m. The rope broke but the fall dislocated the head from the body.
The execution took place in the Union County jail and was under the direction of Sheriff Garcia.
Twenty armed deputies were on guard all night at the jail in anticipation of an attempt at rescue, but the friends of the bandit made no demonstration. Hundreds of armed men, many of them cowboys from the surrounding country, filled the town all day.
Ketchum received the ministrations of a priest this morning. He ate a hearty breakfast, took a bath and said he was ready to die at any hour. At 11:30 a. m. he was sent for, and the sounds of popular airs filled the jail up to the time of the march to the scaffold.
Ketchum talked freely with visitors. He declared death preferable to imprisonment. He told of robberies in which he was concerned, but declared that he had never killed a man and had only shot three. He said that he was not "Black Jack," and that that bandit still lived.
"Black Jack" was a Texas product, and the most noted desperado of the southwest. Although he boasted of having taken the lives of many fellow-beings, yet he finally paid the forfeit with his own life for an attempted train robbery in which nobody was killed.
This crime was committed near Folsom, N. M., Aug. 16, 1899. Single-handed, Black Jack held up a Colorado & Southern passenger train. He ordered the engineer and fireman to uncouple the engine and leave the train. The conductor and mail agent opened fire on him, which he promptly returned. He received the contents of a double-barreled shotgun in his right arm, but quickly changing the rifle to his left shoulder he succeeded in wounding both conductor and mail agent. He then escaped in the darkness, but was captured the next day. He was declared on receipt upon a United States mail agent and sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.
He was so badly wounded in the battles with the train crew that while in the penitentiary his right arm had to be amputated. In September, 1900, he was tried on the more serious charge of assault upon a railroad train with intent to commit a felony, which was affirmed by the supreme court, and he was sentenced to life imprisonment.

"Black Jack" was said to have been the leader of a band of outlaws who committed many train robberies and other raids in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. The band has been scattered since his arrest. Seven or eight have been killed, three are in jail and the others have been driven to the mountains.
THOMAS COLE EXECUTED.
He Had Murdered His Sweetheart, Emma Cora Rice, in Kentucky.
Special to the Post-Dispatch.
CLINTON, Ky., April 26.—Thos. Cole was hanged here today for the murder of his sweetheart, Emma Cora Rice. Cole made a brief address after the attending clergyman's prayer, in which he expressed sorrow for his deed.
Fifteen minutes time was required to nerve himself to address the assembled thousands outside the jail yard.
On the scaffold he looked composed, muttering, "Am I to die this way and what will be my hereafter?"
Several visiting county sheriffs witnessed the execution. A very large crowd of people from surrounding towns and country gathered with the hope of seeing the execution. Only 50 witnesses were given places. A stockade of 16 feet high had been erected on which the execution took place.

SEWER DRAGON CAUGHT AND BADLY FRIGHTENED A HEEDLESS LITTLE GIRL



LITTLE AUGUSTA SCHNELLE, Of 449 Penrose Street, Who Had a Thrilling Adventure Thursday Afternoon With "Skip Along, the Sewer Pipe Dragon."

The Thrilling Adventure of Little Augusta Schnelle, as Related by the Children's Faithful Chronicler.

Augusta Schnelle, a 10-year-old girl living at 449 Penrose street, "took a dare" made by her playmate, Rosa Rumbach, and stuck her left leg in an open sewer late Thursday. Extraneous tips and McCann worked an hour before they finally released the child by snatching the pipe.
Hist, O Bingo, and hear the wonderfullest adventure of the little girl Augusta Schnelle, who, on Thursday, not minding her dear mamma, was coaxed by the great sewer pipe dragon, "Skip Along," who held the little girl until his back was beaten with policeman's clubs.
All this happened in broad day light on the corner of Newstead avenue and Penrose street, where even today there are many smart boys and girls to substantiate this very veracious narrative.
Not one of them would go near the pipe to take a peek at the dragon "Skip Along," but all heard the awful sounds and got their smelly fingers full of his hot breath when the policeman beat his back to make him let the little girl go.
"Skip Along" accompanied by his two brothers, "Ma-la-rin" and "Sewer Gas," with him when he caught the little girl. "Ma-la-rin" had just told how he crawled up a kitchen sink and got hot in his face, and "Sewer Gas" was only strong enough to lift a manhole, was boasting how he once beat the big Mill "Crock" because some one stuck a candle in his face.
All this talk made the dragon "Skip Along" very angry, for ever since that far

COULD NOT SPEAK ENGLISH

Tuxton, Russian Bishop, Mystified Everybody He Met in St. Louis at Union Station.

Union Station attaches had their linguistic abilities taxed to the utmost Friday morning by the arrival of Tuxton, bishop of the Orthodox Russian Church in the United States.
The bishop, it was thought, would talk Russian, but attached masters of the tongue of the Slav failed to understand him or make him understand them.
Efforts to converse in French, Spanish and Italian proved equally futile. Had it not been for the arrival of a man who said he was really a Russian, an understanding with the dignitary would have been despaired of. The Russian acted as interpreter.
Tuxton, according to the interpreter, is in charge of the Russian churches in the United States and is now on a tour of visitation. He came to St. Louis from San Francisco and departed over the Chicago & Alton at 8:30 o'clock for Chicago. He was accompanied by a deacon of the Russian church named John Jaroski, who was as thoroughly impregnable to English as the bishop himself.
The bishop wore all the insignia of office while traveling. A rich, scarlet gown swept the floor when he walked and his neck was encircled by a heavy, jeweled chain. His beard was long and heavy, giving him a venerable appearance. He carried a small, ivory-headed cane with mysterious inscriptions on it.
Through the interpreter, he said that his superior in the church lived in Alaska. The head of the whole church in the United States lived in Alaska. He stated that he left Russia a year ago and never expected to return.

THE WORKMEN WERE BURGLARS

Two Men Who Said They Were Electricians Stole \$10,000 Worth of Diamonds.

UTICA, N. Y., April 26.—Two men in the guise of workmen got away with diamond jewelry estimated to be worth \$10,000 to \$15,000 at the home of Henry P. Crouse, in the fashionable residence district. Mr. Crouse is a member of the wholesale clothing firm of Crouse & Brundage. No one but the servants was at home when a man rang the bell and said he had been sent from the electric light company to remedy a defect in the wiring. He was admitted after the head of the household had gone to bed. He was in the house an hour, his partner in the meantime being on the street in case the first man was seen approaching. The police were active, but have but slight clues with which to work.
Daniel Walsh Appointed.
City Register P. R. Fitzgibbon has appointed Daniel P. Walsh clerk in his office, in place of Charles Rippe, and the appointment has been confirmed by Mayor Wells.
Wedding Rings (Solid Gold).
Finest workmanship, \$2.00 to \$25.00. Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.
Stock Increased.—The James Clark Leather Co. filed notice Friday of the increase of its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The assets are given as \$229,194.00 and the liabilities as \$25,170.00.

Clothing for Young Folks.

Special Showing of Exclusive Styles in Seasonable Weight Garments

For Boys', Misses' and Children.

Tomorrow, Saturday, April 27th.

Misses' Garments.

Box Jackets—Made of Cheviot, Covert or Venetian Cloth, in shades of blue, castor, tan, sizes 14 and 16, \$7.50 per garment.

Eton Jackets—Covert, Cheviot or Venetian, trimmed with braid and bands of Taffetas Silk, also vest of white pique, sizes 14 and 16, \$10.50 to \$18.50.

Eton Suits—Strictly tailor-made, Covert, Cheviot and Venetian, braid-trimmed, fancy silk vest, lined with percaline and silk, colors tan, blue, gray, red, \$14.00 to \$20.00.

Children's

Wash Suits—Russian and Blouse effects, in extensive variety of plain and fancy Linen, Pique, Gingham and Lawns, sizes 4 to 12, \$1.50 to \$10.

Boys' Clothing.

3d Floor.

Russian Blouse Suits—Rough and smooth Serge, handsomely trimmed with braid and embroidered in silk, colors blue, red, castor, brown, gray, with cloth and leather belts, sizes 2 1/2 to 6 years, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Sailor Suits—Serge or Cheviot, handsomely braided and embroidered in black and colors, Eton or Sailor collar, with fancy silk tie, 2 1/2 to 10 years, \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Shirt Waists.

Special.

25 doz. Boys' Percal Shirt Waists, in a variety of stripes and figures, 58c each.

Regular retail price 75c.

SOROSIS

TRADE MARK

The Best Shoe for Women, Misses and Children.

Always Gives an Air of Refinement and Elegance.

Our new Spring and Summer stock of "Sorosis" Shoes for Women, Misses and Children has been received.

The new shapes have all the distinctive and hygienic qualities peculiar to the perfect-fitting "Sorosis," and allow freedom for walking, while perfecting the form of the foot.

Women's, Sizes 1 to 9, \$3.50 per pair.

Misses', Sizes 1 1/2 to 2, \$3.00 per pair.

Children's, Sizes 8 to 11, \$2.50 per pair.

Sold in St. Louis exclusively by

Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney

OLIVE STREET, BROADWAY AND LOCUST STREET.

PEACE IN COLOMBIA.

Proposals of Gen. Uribe-Urbe Were Accepted.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Dr. Carlos Martinez Silva, minister of foreign affairs of Colombia, has received from Bogota an official acceptance of the peace proposals made by Gen. Uribe-Urbe, leader of the Colombian insurgents. Gen. Uribe has been in Washington for several days conferring with Dr. Silva and Senor Tomas Herran, secretary of the Colombian legation. He has returned to New York and he is to send one of his aides at once to Colombia with a manifesto addressed to his followers, urging them to lay down their arms and submit to the government. Before sailing, the general's representative will be asked for no more contributions to meet the expenses of the war. The settlement of the revolution, which has been going on for over a year and a half, was negotiated by Dr. Silva and Senor Tomas Herran, who came here on a mission connected with the disposition of the Panama canal.
Sewed Up for the Winter.
From the New York Mail and Express.
This is a true story, and it was told to the reporter by a prominent worker in one of the east side settlements. The other day a woman living in Rivington street brought her little boy to the settlement house and expressed a desire to have him sewed up in a sack to keep him warm in the winter. The child was a bright face, but it was woefully dirty, and one of the settlement rules is that all pupils must present at least a clean exterior.
So the teacher looked at the little boy and said: "Why, certainly he can come to the kindergarten, but we want all the children to be clean. Let's have a good bath and send him to us in the morning."
"Bath?" gasped the mother. "How can I bathe him? I've sewed him up for the winter."

MISS GOULD THE DONOR.

She Secretly Gave \$10,000 for a Y. M. C. A. Building.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Miss Helen M. Gould gave \$10,000 last January to build a Young Men's Christian Association headquarters at Fort Monroe, under condition that the name of the giver be kept secret. The fact came out when active work was begun upon the erection of the building yesterday.
GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS.
They Include Four Members of State Health Board.
Special to the Post-Dispatch.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 26.—Gov. Dockery this morning announced the following appointments:
Board of Health: R. G. Dysart, Paria, Monroe County; A. W. McAlister, Columbia, Boone County; W. E. Morrow, Kansas City, Jackson County; J. T. Thatcher, Oregon, Holt County. Dr. Dymart of Monroe County is a physician and surgeon of great prominence who was surgeon of Cook's Brigade during the civil war. Drs. McAlister, Morrow and Thatcher are physicians of state reputation.
The members of the State Board of Health who do not now expire, and who continue in office are: Dr. C. B. Atkins of Stark, Christian County; Dr. D. T. Powell, Taylor, Oregon County; and Dr. E. L. Standley, St. Louis city.
Coal oil inspectors appointed are: W. F.

Suit for \$250,000 Damages.

OBERKOSH, Wis., April 26.—Suit has been instituted against the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. for \$250,000 damages by 44 claimants alleged to have been injured in the wreck at Depere, Wis., June 23 of last year, on the Saengerfest excursion train. The plaintiffs are of Oshkosh, Menasha and Fond du Lac.

Postmaster Dies of Heart Disease.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.
DUNDEE, Mo., April 26.—John Wildfong, postmaster of this place, died very suddenly today of heart trouble. He was 75 years old.

Children's Clothing.

Nothing is shoddier than the cheap kinds of clothing for children.

Nothing is finer or more tasteful than our kind. And ours is worth all it costs, which isn't really more than is often charged for the ordinary kinds that lack in style, finish and quality.

Sailor and Vestee Suits,

\$5.00 to \$8.00

Two-Piece Suits,

\$5.00 to \$10.00

Top Coats and Furnishings for the Children besides.

Browning, King & Co.,

Broadway and Pine.

Budweiser

brewed of selected barley-malt and best imported hops,

is "lagered" six months to fully mature, before being bottled for market, which accounts for its being so palatable and wholesome, and makes it

"The King of Bottled Beers."

The product of

Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n

St. Louis, U. S. A.

Brewers also of Black & Tan, Anheuser-Standard, Faust, Pale-Lager, Export Pale, Exquisite, Michelob and Malt-Nutrine.

ALMOST 300,000 FEET

Are wearing Shoes in St. Louis today. Our Shoes are on many of these feet—we wish more of them were covered with our Genie Shoes. Our Shoes will make your feet comfortable.

Shoes to Fit Any Foot

Ask for Our Velour Calf for No. 502, Goodyear Welt, all sizes, \$2.50

Only Store in Town Offering Men's Patent Leather Shoes, are all sizes, \$2.50

Box Calf, Vici or Tan, \$2.95

Open to 10:30 p. m. Saturday.

Harris Shoe Co.,

520 PINE STREET.

A MODERN VIEW

BERTHA: "What are the wild waves saying, Ned?"

NED (A well-posted young man): "That the cigar made in St. Louis are the best."

Try-Me-Oh, 5c

Exposition, 10c

Exposition Cigar Co.

1306 Olive St. Tel. Dps. ST. LOUIS.

DEATHS.

CHESTON—Clara M. Cheston, on April 25, at 4:45 p. m.
Funeral from family residence, 2602 Glasgow avenue, Saturday, at 2 p. m.

FIGONE—Entered into rest on Thursday, April 25, at 7:30 a. m. Sabatino Figone, beloved father of Mrs. Anna Figone (nee Banta), at residence, 1702 Locust street.
Funeral will take place from Italian Catholic Church, Nineteenth and Morgan streets, on Saturday, April 27, at 8 a. m., thence to Calvary Cemetery.
Nelson respectfully invited. Remains will lie in state in church after 10 a. m. Friday.

GRIFFIN—On Thursday, April 25, 1901, at 11:30 a. m., after short illness, dearly beloved mother of Mrs. Landstall, sister Mary Alphonsa and Mary Zisk, aged 72 years.
Funeral from residence of son-in-law, F. L. Landstall, 1710 North Market street, on Monday, April 26, at 9:30 a. m., to Holy Ghost church, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends are invited.

LEONARD—On Thursday, April 25, 1901, at 10 o'clock p. m., John H. Leonard, beloved husband of Kate Leonard (nee Bristol), aged 56 years.
Funeral on Saturday, April 27, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m., from residence, 2618 North River street, thence to Calvary Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

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PENTON—On Thursday, April 25, Thomas P. Penton, the beloved father of (Miss) John A. Penton, Maggie and Rose Penton, Mrs. Charles Brock, Mrs. Frank Rosenberg, Mrs. Katherine Council and Mrs. Charles P. Strickland.
Funeral from residence, 3513 Page boulevard, on Saturday, April 27, at 10 a. m., thence to Calvary Cemetery. Friends invited.

WE DESIRE to express our thanks to the kind friends who assisted us in the funeral of our dear wife and mother, and also to the Knights of the Minutemen of St. Louis, for their kind and thoughtful services. E. E. EMBERSO and FAMILY.

NO CROWNS AT NEW ORLEANS.
They Will Be Omitted From the Decorations for the President.
Special to the Post-Dispatch.
NEW ORLEANS, April 26.—There will not be any crowns in the scheme of decoration when President McKinley is here. Many of the electric and other illuminations used during the carnival are crowns in honor of Rex, the king of the carnival. The reception committee suggested that these designs be not used on the occasion of the presidential visit, as they might be misunderstood. No crown illuminations will be allowed to greet the President.
Coral street will be decorated throughout with the electric and other illuminations. It was decided to greet the President with a military parade, which will include the arrival of the President's train, the arrival of the United States troops, as well as the militia. In the trip to the Mississippi river, a vessel will be accompanied by a flotilla of all the steam vessels in the harbor and the shipping will be decorated with flags and bunting.

CHILDREN'S WAY

Saturday is the great day for children's shopping at Famous—and tomorrow again the entire store will look like the school playgrounds at recess time.

The special attention of all parents is directed to the remarkable values we offer for Saturday—particularly in the Cloak and Millinery Departments.

Girls' \$1.50 Wash Dresses—very prettily trimmed—special at..... **65c**

Girls' \$2.00 Wash Dresses—pretty color combinations—special at..... **95c**

Girls' Sailor Blouse Suits—worth \$2.50—polka dot designs..... **1.25**

Girls' Linen Crash Blouse Suits—ages 6 to 12 years—worth \$3.00..... **1.45**

White Dresses for Confirmation or summer wear—at..... **1.75, 2.45, 2.95 and up to 10.00**

Girls' Cashmere Dresses—Made with flaring lapel and shoulder flaps, collar, sleeve and belt nicely braided in red, blue, brown, cadet and navy; well made—size 6 to 12—worth \$4.00..... **2.95**

Others at \$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.00 and up.

Special—Girls' Reefers—Sample—Old lots—4 to 6 of a kind—accumulation of a season's business—the most beautiful styles—large collar—box fronts, box backs—in blue, red, navy, cadet, tan and brown—size 6 to 14—costs that sold for \$5.50, \$6.50 and up to \$8.75—choice..... **2.95**

Children's Millinery

Chic and charming styles—becoming to the age of the child—and most pleasingly priced.

Children's Trimmed Leghorn Hats—with fluted brims—trimmed with silk and white satin—worth \$1.25..... **50c**

Children's Straw Mexican Hats with fancy Persian bands—worth \$1.50—special at..... **15c**

Children's Fancy Straw Hats—in red, pink, blue and white—trimmed with silk, straw band and ornaments—worth \$1.75..... **98c**

Shirt Waists.

Brand new arrivals in fancy percales and madras cloth—beautiful neat stripes or fancy designs—full shirred front, French back—new bishop sleeve with narrow soft cuff—some patterns in this lot worth 75c—others worth 65c and 50c—Choice

Saturday at..... **35c**

Robbers Left \$1000 Behind

They Entered Georgia Central Express Car.

TIED AND GAGGED MESSENGER

THE SAFE RESISTED THIRD ATTEMPT TO FORCE IT.

They Jumped Off the Car at Macon, Taking but \$350—Detectives Are Now Scouring the Country.

MACON, Ga., April 26.—The express car of the Central of Georgia railroad was robbed between 12:50 and 1:50 o'clock this morning by two men who boarded the train at Macon.

The car was going through from Atlanta to Savannah. Some time after the train pulled out of Macon the two men, who had secreted themselves in some way, entered the express car and confronted Express Messenger T. N. Wier.

They seized and bound him hand and foot and threw a sack over his head. They then proceeded to open the express car, secured about \$350, but left a \$1000 package lying on the floor. The safe resisted their attempts to open it.

When the train reached the village of Gordon, 20 miles from Macon, the robbers dropped off the messenger and continued on their way. The men are supposed to be two suspicious characters who have been hanging about the Union Depot for two days. Two nights ago Messenger White observed two men closely watching the train in the station and ordered them away.

PROMINENT MEN INDICTED

Boals and Fairman Charged With Extortion in the Celebrated "Invincibles" Case Near Alton.

The grand jury of Madison County, Ill., returned indictments Thursday against John L. Boals of Alton, Attorney Willis L. Fairman of Upper Alton and Nic Gregory of Oldenburg, in the celebrated "Invincibles" case which has stirred the people of that section since last January.

There are two indictments against Boals, Fairman and Gregory.

The indictments charge attempt to extort money, and the working of a confidence game.

The case originated in an effort to extort money from wealthy farmers by means of threats. Letters were received by Fred Penning, Leonard Heolins, George Schilling and John Huebner, demanding \$1400. Threats were made that if the money was not forthcoming the homes of the victims would be dynamited, their straw stacks and barns burned, and their cattle poisoned.

These remarkable threats, which followed close upon the kidnapping of a young couple at Omaha, Neb., and were patterned to some extent after that incident, wrought upon the entire section of the country. The excitement increased when, notwithstanding the patrols of armed guards, parties approached the home of George Schilling and fired through the window. Sheriff Hotz and a force of detectives were called to the case and arrested Boals, Fairman and Nic Gregory.

Boals and Fairman were very prominent in their respective neighborhoods.

The grand jury in five days. It examined 50 witnesses and returned 10 indictments.

A GREAT EVENT.

Two Great Wholesale Clothing Stocks Bought by Famous—\$140,000 the Amount.

Famous, corner Broadway and Morgan, owning and controlling the largest stores in three great cities, St. Louis, Cleveland and Denver, has just purchased the entire surplus stock of B. Rothchild & Co. and H. A. Hays & Co. of Rochester, N. Y., consisting of men's, young men's, boys' and children's clothing of the highest character.

The transaction is the largest that has been consummated in recent years, involving \$140,000 in cash.

Famous considers this capture a most fortunate one, as the price paid was about the dollar a piece for the entire stock.

The sale will begin tomorrow morning simultaneously in all three cities.

Full details are given in Famous' ad in tonight's Post-Dispatch, and the attention of all readers is directed to that announcement.

ODD FELLOWS IN CONVENTION.

Celebration at Kansas City of the Founding of the Order.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 26.—Over 10,000 Odd Fellows from Kansas and Missouri are in the city attending the bi-centennial celebration of the eighty-second anniversary of the founding of the order. A. C. Cable of Covington, O., grand secretary of the I. O. O. F. of the world, arrived this morning and was escorted from the depot to the Coates House, where he later held a reception. At noon a grand parade of subordinate and grand lodges of the two states passed through the downtown streets led by the Patrons of Husbandry. Members of the Rebekah lodges, which will hold a separate gathering, followed in carriages. In addition to the high lodge officers of Kansas and Missouri the grand secretary, J. M. Norman of Colorado took part in the parade. The line contained 16 delegations from St. Louis, St. Joseph and Springfield, Mo.; Topeka, Oasawatomie and other points in Kansas, together with a half dozen bands from neighboring cities. This afternoon a band concert was given at Convention Hall, followed by addresses by prominent officials of the order.

"KATY" TIME CHANGES.

Don't Go to the Train Too Soon.

Commencing April 26 trains of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Co. will leave Union Station, daily and Sundays, too late:

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Express..... 9:15 a. m.

The "Katy Flyer"..... 9:22 p. m.

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Mail..... 11:45 p. m.

City ticket office, 103 N. Broadway.

DEATH OF W. F. L. HADLEY.

Former Illinois Banker and Congressman Dies at Riverside, Cal.

W. F. L. Hadley, president of the Bank of Edwardsville, Ill., and former member of the national House of Representatives, died Thursday morning at the Glenwood Hotel, Riverside, Cal. He was 64 years old and was a native of Illinois.

He obtained his education in McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., and at the University of Michigan. He was elected successively state senator and representative of the Eighteenth Illinois district in Congress. He was nominated for a second term, but was compelled by failing health to go to California.

SEARCHING FOR HUSBAND.

Mrs. William Robbins, 300 O'Farrell avenue, called at the morgue Friday to inquire whether any trace had been obtained of her husband, who disappeared Jan. 15.

Three years ago she says he was injured in the plant of the Edison Electric Light Co., and has been mentally affected ever since. He received a shock from the dynamo, but the latest reports do not indicate that this is so large as was at first reported.

ELECTION JUDGES INDICTED.

Several True Bills Returned by Madison County Grand Jury.

The Madison County grand jury took lively cognizance of the recent village election at Madison, Ill.

Indictments were returned against James Houston, Louis Schmis and Asa Green, judges, for violation of the election law by neglecting to post specimen ballots; for receiving more than one vote from H. Clapp, and for permitting outsiders to vote. There are four counts and in use the additional names of Fred Dalton, William Street and J. Louis Peters are included on the charge of conspiring to unlawfully influence the result of an election.

William Ballhorn, formerly alderman at Vandalia, was indicted for illegal voting at the election of April 18.

GOING TO THE PENITENTIARY.

Sheriff Will Take Fourteen Convicts to Jefferson City.

Fourteen convicts will be taken to the state penitentiary at Jefferson City Saturday by Sheriff Dickmann and his deputies.

They are David W. Campbell, Peter Rank, Elias Wacker, Robert Payne, William Jackson, Harry Collins, Charles Freeman, William Jones, Frank Stewart, Garrett Collier, William Hendricks, Thomas Hayes and Arthur Bailey.

THE SHAH OF PERSIA ILL.

He Has Liver and Kidney Trouble and Can Hardly Breathe.

BERLIN, April 26.—The Cologne Gazette's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs that the condition of the Shah of Persia is becoming worse. His liver and kidney affections and difficulty of respiration are assuming more acute forms.

The correspondent also says considerable excitement exists among the population of Tehran because of the heavy taxes recently imposed upon meat and other foodstuffs.

OASTORIA For infants and children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Save Money By Buying THE Easy Way

JUST LIKE A SAVINGS BANK

Is our system of easy paying for your wearing apparel. It encourages thrift and good financial habits. You don't feel the little regular payments, at the same time you enjoy the satisfaction of being well dressed and having your new clothes to wear while you are paying for them. Our goods are right—we make them ourselves—and if you will compare you will find our prices are actually lower than the majority of cash stores. How is that, you ask? Because we do business on such an immense scale and can afford to take a smaller margin of profit.

Everything in Clothing, Headwear and Footwear for men, women and children.

WE SELL IN EAST ST. LOUIS, GRANITE CITY, AND MADISON, ILLINOIS.

EMPIRE CREDIT CLOTHING CO.,

417 WASHINGTON AVENUE, Near Broadway, (Up-Stairs.)

MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY

SPRING CLOTHING!

Up-to-Date Suits and Top Coats.

Priced as never before in the history of the clothing business. The backwardness of the season compels us to lower prices to the lowest notch in order to lower our stock of clothing. Superb values are the proof of this pudding. Every item is a plum.

GREAT PANTS!

\$1.00 for a pair. 10c for a pair.

Our warranty on all Ductless Trousers sold by us. We have them at \$2.45, \$3.45 up to \$4.45. Prices guaranteed the lowest.

MEN'S \$7.50 SUITS.

\$4.85.

Made of All-Wool Cheviot and Serges, plain and fancy patterns; tomorrow..... **\$4.85**

MEN'S FINE \$10.00 AND \$12.50 SUITS.

\$8.95.

Plain and Fancy Cheviot, Blue and Black Clays and Serges, good lining and well made; tomorrow..... **\$8.95**

MEN'S \$15 AND \$18 SUITS.

\$11.90.

Very Fine Plain and Fancy Worsteds, Serge, Vicunas, elegantly tailored and trimmed, hundreds of styles to select from; tomorrow..... **\$11.90**

MEN'S \$20.00 AND \$25.00 BALTIMORE TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

\$14.75.

All the latest up-to-date styles, colors and prices, many of them the new military shape, hand-tailored to the office from the factory; tomorrow..... **\$14.75**

Boys' \$2.50 Suits.

\$1.35.

Double-breasted, ages 8 to 16, in light and dark colors, with blue, black and white; tomorrow..... **\$1.35**

Boys' \$4.00 Suits.

\$2.35.

Double-breasted, 8 to 16, and vests for the small boys, 8 to 12, all in blue, black and fancy cheviot and cashmeres, well made and up to date; tomorrow..... **\$2.35**

Boys' \$5.00 Suits.

\$2.85.

Double-breasted, ages 8 to 16, in light and dark colors, with blue, black and white; tomorrow..... **\$2.85**

MEN'S \$10 TOP COATS.

\$6.85.

Tan, Coat Cloth and Gray Vicuna, very nobby; tomorrow..... **\$6.85**

\$15 AND \$18 BALTIMORE TAILOR-MADE TOP COATS.

\$12.85.

Made of Imported Whipcord, Cheviot and Vicunas, hand tailored, very swell, tomorrow..... **\$12.85**

YOUNG MEN'S \$7.50 SUITS.

\$4.75.

Variety of patterns, All-Wool Cheviots and Serges; tomorrow..... **\$4.75**

YOUNG MEN'S \$10.00 AND \$12.50 SUITS.

\$7.75.

Plain and Fancy Worsteds and Cheviots, Blue and Black Clays, Serge and Thibets, stylishly made and strictly up-to-date; tomorrow..... **\$7.75**

Boys' \$6.00 and \$7.00 SUITS.

\$3.85.

Double-breasted, ages 8 to 16, in all-wool serge, cheviot and vicunas, well tailored, tomorrow..... **\$3.85**

Boys' \$5.00 SUITS.

\$2.35.

Sailor and Russian Blouse, 8 to 16, all in all-wool serge, cheviot and vicunas, well tailored, tomorrow..... **\$2.35**

FREE!

Ball and Bat with Boys' Suits.

FREE!

Brushes given away free with all Suits \$10.00 and above.

OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS UNTIL 10:30 O'CLOCK.

THE BIG STORE,

Seventh and Franklin Av.

Flowering Plants.

GERANIUMS, Best Bedding Sorts, 10c Each.

VERBENAS, Large Flowering, 6 for 25c.

MOON FLOWERS, Three Feet of Vine, 2 for 25c.

GIANT FLOWERING PANSIES, 10c Each.

WATERWORKS IS THE ISSUE

Lively Majority Fight Is on at Webster Groves by Reason of a Special Election.

The contest between Charles C. Condon and Thomas C. Young, for the majority of Webster Groves will come to a climax Saturday, when the election will be held.

Both sides have issued statements in which they say they will sweep the city. It is probable that a large vote will be polled, for, while little bitterness has manifested itself during the campaign, nearly every voter in the city has interested himself in the election. The voting will begin at 6:30 in the morning and the polls will be closed at sun down.

Mr. Young was elected mayor over W. S. Fleming April 6, but could not qualify because he had not paid his personal taxes until the day of the election. A special election was ordered.

Mr. Fleming, who had served three terms as mayor—one by appointment and two by election—declined to be a candidate in the special election, and his friends induced Mr. Condon to enter the field. The citizens are thus divided upon nearly the same issues that were prominent in the regular election as Mr. Condon stands for city waterworks as Mr. Fleming did and Mr. Young is opposed to them.

MAJOR WELLS WAS PLEASED.

Commented the Air of Neatness at the House of Refuge.

Major Wells visited the House of Refuge Thursday afternoon, accompanied by his private secretary, James G. McConcy. A meeting of the Board of Managers, held at the institution, was attended by the mayor, who remained so long at the refuge that he was obliged to postpone until another day his intended visit to the workhouse.

The members of the board are the Mayor, Supt. W. C. Nolte, Robert Rutledge, Frank Paule, Mr. George W. Baumhoff and Mrs. Mary Baumhoff. After adjournment, the members of the board were shown about the buildings. In the chapel about 100 children were singing. The kindergarten afforded much interest to the visitors.

Mayor Wells commended the neatness of the institution and the lack of a penal atmosphere among its inmates.

A Young Man of Fashion

Said that \$7.75 at the Globe, Seventh and Franklin avenue, buys a suit such as cannot be bought elsewhere for less than \$10.00, and those at \$4.75 are \$7.50 values.

PREACHER A HORSETHIEF

His Number, Thirteen to Date, Unluckily Sent Him to Prison for Ten Years.

JOHN H. GRAHAM, a one-armed evangelist, in his clerical attire, confessed to being a horsethief and was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. Graham traveled through West Virginia, held revival meetings, and hundreds professed conversion, people traveling miles to hear him, so powerful was his eloquence. In most cases a horse would be missing when Graham left for a new field.

A man named Blake is now in an insane asylum, brought about by Graham, who said that he had stolen 13 horses and knew about all the horses stolen in the state. He said that he had stolen 13 horses and knew about all the horses stolen in the state. He said that he had stolen 13 horses and knew about all the horses stolen in the state.

First Popular Excursion

Via B. & O. S. W. to Washington, Ind., and intermediate stations and return, Sunday, April 28, 10:00 a. m. Train leaves Union Station 8:15 a. m. Particulars at Broadway and Locust and Union Station.

THE TELEPHONE WILL ANSWER THE TELEPHONE.

TO WORK IN OWNER'S ABSENCE

It Will Talk That to Caller and Receiver and Record Messages Over the Wire.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Latest of marvels in the telephone, which was tested today in the office of W. A. Rosenbaum in the Times building, and the experts present professed astonishment at what it can do.

It is an electric phonograph. It can be placed at the end of a telephone connection and in the absence of anyone to answer a call can receive the message from the other end of the wire. It can also deliver any message the absent telephone subscriber cares to leave.

For instance, Mr. Smith, telephone No. 999, has a 4-11-44 Kinloch, is called out of St. Louis. He expects one of his clients to ring up during the day on an important matter, so he tells the telephone company to have the machine in his office, and switching it on at the hour of the instrument.

Later the client rings up, gets the message and talks away and the faithful telegraphophone records all he has to say. Next morning Mr. Smith has Mr. Brown's message bright and early by switching the telegraphophone on to the telephone recorder.

The inventor is Valdemar Poulsen, a Dane. It is patented in the United States.

MISSOURI SUPREME COURT HAS FRANCHISE TAX CASE.

HINGES ON STATUE OF 1895

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 26.—The case of the collector of Jackson County against the Western Union Telegraph Co. to determine the power of the State Board of Equalization to tax franchises under the law of 1895, was argued and submitted before the Supreme Court of Missouri this morning.

Attorney Alex New of Kansas City and E. Smith of St. Louis argued for the company and Assistant Attorney-General Sam B. Jeffries and Attorney W. H. Meriwether of Kansas City argued for the state.

This is a test case and is of great importance throughout the state, as there are now cases in a hundred different counties involving the same question, and which hinges upon the decision of the Supreme Court in the case at bar.

The main point raised by the counsel for the Western Union company was that the franchise law under which these taxes were levied by the county collectors, is void of purpose because the Legislature has no power to tax franchises in that manner and means by which the franchise value could be arrived at.

The counsel for the state contended and declared the law void it would also invalidate the franchise law enacted by the Legislature because it also does not provide for the payment of taxes at the time of the franchise values. The court took the case under advisement and a decision is not expected for a month, at least.

Mining and Oil Stocks.

Paying regular monthly dividends of from 12 per cent to 30 per cent per annum, are for sale by Douglas, Lacey & Co., Security Building.

MAJOR WELLS WAS PLEASED.

Commented the Air of Neatness at the House of Refuge.

Major Wells visited the House of Refuge Thursday afternoon, accompanied by his private secretary, James G. McConcy.

A meeting of the Board of Managers, held at the institution, was attended by the mayor, who remained so long at the refuge that he was obliged to postpone until another day his intended visit to the workhouse.

The members of the board are the Mayor, Supt. W. C. Nolte, Robert Rutledge, Frank Paule, Mr. George W. Baumhoff and Mrs. Mary Baumhoff.

After adjournment, the members of the board were shown about the buildings. In the chapel about 100 children were singing. The kindergarten afforded much interest to the visitors.

Mayor Wells commended the neatness of the institution and the lack of a penal atmosphere among its inmates.

Save Money By Buying THE Easy Way

JUST LIKE A SAVINGS BANK

Is our system of easy paying for your wearing apparel. It encourages thrift and good financial habits. You don't feel the little regular payments, at the same time you enjoy the satisfaction of being well dressed and having your new clothes to wear while you are paying for them. Our goods are right—we make them ourselves—and if you will compare you will find our prices are actually lower than the majority of cash stores. How is that, you ask? Because we do business on such an immense scale and can afford to take a smaller margin of profit.

Everything in Clothing, Headwear and Footwear for men, women and children.

WE SELL IN EAST ST. LOUIS, GRANITE CITY, AND MADISON, ILLINOIS.

EMPIRE CREDIT CLOTHING CO.,

417 WASHINGTON AVENUE, Near Broadway, (Up-Stairs.)

TEXAS LIL BOOM GOES RIGHT ON

Beaumont Cannot Care for the Newcomers.

MEN SLEEP OUT OF DOORS

BUILDING DOES NOT KEEP PACE WITH THE DEMAND.

Offices Set Up in Hallways and Much of the Trading in Land and Stock Goes on in the Open Streets for Lack of Quarters.

Special to the Post-Dispatch. BEAUMONT, Tex., April 26.—Still they come. There are people here from every quarter of the United States, and Beaumont is growing with rapidity never surpassed by any boom town of the West. The greatest trouble right now is to care for the newcomers.

Hotel accommodations are not to be had in Beaumont and people go every night to Port Arthur and Houston for lodgings, returning the next morning. Storekeepers are walled with bunks one above the other, as in transport vessels, and still there is cry for more. Men sleep out of doors on boxes and in doorways, or sit all night in office chairs. Next Sunday will be perhaps the greatest day in Beaumont's history. Excursions are coming from nearly every direction. It is planned to erect lunch counters about the city, so that the visitors may be fed and given something to drink. It is hot here and liquid refreshments are in demand. Persons who have not visited Beaumont are skeptical about the land trading here, but personal investigation of conditions establishes the fact that the sales are genuine and for cash. Trading is done on the street because there is no room in the office buildings. Hallways are strewn with desks and every bit of space utilized. Money cannot be bought or sold here until more buildings are erected.

The Kansas City Southern runs four trains a day between Beaumont and Port Arthur to accommodate the heavy travel. The Southern Pacific announces that it will service between here and Houston and also two trains daily between Beaumont and Sabine Pass.

Yesterday Beaumont's oil exchange, which promises to be a big factor in the excitement here, formally opened, when the national colors were raised above the exchange building.

Among the 60 New Yorkers who composed the special committee to visit Texas and its oil fields was James H. Hill, partner of John W. Griggs, ex-Attorney-General of the United States. Mr. Hill is a well-known attorney whose services have commanded as high as \$100,000 in a single deal. "It is one of the greatest surprises of my life to see the oil forcing itself to such wonderful heights without the aid of any artificial means," he said, after seeing the Beaumont gusher. "It certainly indicates a view of oil which would underlie a large section in this vicinity. I had heard much of the boom in Beaumont, but I was not prepared to see what appears to be behind the unusual activity which seems to have taken place here. It cannot be compared in any sense with the usual Western town boom, for it is evident to anyone with eyes that the oil is actually here. Of course, photographs will give our friends at a distance something of an idea, but they cannot fully realize the phenomenal oil discoveries here without making a visit to the oil fields. I will send some photographs to some friends."

The rise in the value of land has enriched many persons. The rice plantation of Viterbo Bros., on Hillsboro's bayou, in south half of the E. D. Chenevix survey, about four miles southwest of the Lucas gusher, has been sold for \$400,000 cash. Wright, Blodgett & Co. of Saginaw, Mich. The price paid for the land was \$75 an acre. Viterbo Bros. had already planted 800 of the 1600 acres in rice for the coming season, and by the terms of sale they are to harvest this crop. The land is in a direct line between Big Hill and High Island, where are the best signs of oil in Texas. The Kelley well, northeast of the Lucas gusher, which produced a strong flow of gas Tuesday, was purchased by Dewey, Heywood and others of Chicago for \$125,000. It is in the oil sand.

WELCOME TO SOLDIER BOYS.

Returned Philippine Volunteers Royally Treated at Pine Bluff. PINE BLUFF, Ark., April 26.—A royal welcome was extended by this city to a party of soldiers boys just back from Philippines.

Sergeants Duval Johnson, H. M. Hemmert and Privates S. Hearn White, Goodloe Rives Taylor, Irl Joyce and R. W. Goodwin, comprised the party. Gen. H. K. White, marshal of the day, formed the procession, which embraced the fire and police departments, citizens mounted in carriages and on foot, members of secret orders, veterans of the blue and the gray, and large numbers of the citizens. At the courthouse Mayor Douglas C. Bell was master of ceremonies. Rev. John M. Lusey, of the Catholic Church, offered an invocation, after which addresses were delivered by H. K. White, Little Rock; Sam M. Taylor and John H. Hemmert, Pine Bluff, and Senator James K. Jones. After the addresses, Rev. J. M. Lusey, of the M. E. Church South, on behalf of Pine Bluff, presented each boy with a silver shaving mug and bouquet.

Nearly All the Boys in St. Louis Buy their suits at the Globe, Seventh and Franklin avenue, where \$2.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00 values can be bought at \$1.35, \$2.35 and \$2.85. See the \$6.00 and \$7.00 values at \$2.85.

DEATH IN A LIVE WIRE.

OMAHA, Neb., April 26.—A house mover named Owen H. Little, working for contractor H. W. Barnum, was electrocuted this morning at 4 o'clock at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Dodge streets.

With a companion he was endeavoring to remove an electric wire which became attached to the roof of a house, which was being moved. The contraction of the wire was torn away and Little received a shock which ended his life.

BABY LAUGH

It belongs to health, for a baby, to eat and sleep, to laugh and grow fat.

But fat comes first; don't ask a scrawny baby to laugh; why, even his smile is pitiful! Fat comes first.

The way to be fat is the way to be healthy. Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is the proper food, if he needs it; but only a little at a time.

Will send you a little, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, 107 Fulton street, New York.

NOTICE.

We have placed on sale A very fine quality Blue Serge Suits, pure wool And fast color, lined with Imported serge lining, hand-Padded shoulders, cloth under Collar. The style and cut Correct in fashion, perfect fitting, Graceful garments which no Tailor can duplicate under \$22. It's a money-saving Opportunity of great merit.

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New Republic Building. Seventh and Olive Streets.
Mail orders will receive prompt and careful attention.

DROWNED HIS KEEPER SANG DEATH SONG

ENRAGED BULL ELEPHANT'S TERRIBLE RAGE VENTED.

THREW MAN INTO THE RIVER BOY'S FIRST AND LAST DRINK

He Then Held Him Under Until He Was Dead—The Animal Put to Death.

PERU, Ind., April 26.—Yesterday afternoon, while in a violent rage and under circumstances that were peculiarly horrible, "Big Charley," a monster elephant owned by Benjamin E. Wallace, the showman, killed his keeper, Henry Huffman, formerly with the La Pearl circus, a resident of Columbus, O. The killing was witnessed by several showmen at the winter quarters.

In the morning, "Big Charley" made an attempt to kill Alex Morist, but failed. He was not chastised for the bottom, but seemed to be very quiet when Keeper Huffman took the herd of elephants to the Mississippi river to bathe. As soon as the water was reached "Big Charley" wrapped his trunk about Huffman and hurled him into the stream. Huffman was uninjured and returned to the elephant, saying: "Ally, Charley, I did not think that of you. You ashamed of yourself!" The big animal roared, and grabbing Huffman, he threw him to the bottom, where he stood upon him. Then the man drowned and his life crushed out of him. "Big Charley" then started up the river, and the elephants following at a double-quick step.

The news of the killing soon reached Mr. Cory, the secretary of the show, who, in the absence of Mr. Wallace, ordered the big elephant killed. Apples containing strychnine were sent to the winter quarters and thrown to the big elephant, who ate them. He was shot a dozen times, and a half hour later signs of approaching death were visible. The animal then groaned. He was shot again several times and died in terrible agony.

The other elephant was soon captured. "Big Charley" was 43 years old and weighed 10,000 lbs. In his lifetime he killed four men. He was valued at \$10,000. Huffman, who was his master seven years, had been now on the trail of the robbers ever since he joined the La Pearl circus.

Sunday Excursion

To Washington, Ind., and Intermediate stations, and return, April 28. Extremely low rates. Union Station 8:15 a. m. Information at Broadway and Locust and Union Station.

GANG TRIED TO ROB A TOWN.

Pitch Battle With Lone Officer—Harmless Tramp Killed. TEXARKANA, Ark., April 26.—At Queen City, 18 miles south of here on the Texas Pacific, five men went to the shingle mill of L. C. Cane and disappeared. The night watchman, Ira King, a tramp named Woods was sleeping at the mill. The men told King that Woods had been going to the mill to the railroad track and then to the night watchman and rob the town.

King and Woods were taken to the track, and while the robbers were getting the ropes ready they broke away. Woods was shot twice and is dead. King was shot in the head, but will probably live. The shooting attracted the attention of Constable J. M. Powell. Upon their arrival a pitched battle ensued and Strange and Powell to himself. The officer emptied two guns at the robbers and finally coronation he beat them back. His ammunition had been exhausted and he called for Strange, who carried a shotgun, but he had been shot and was unable to fire. Constable Powell was forced to retreat. The Queen City officers came here and bloodhounds were now on the trail of the robbers, who from being shot, Woods and King were badly beaten with pistols.

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Against any possible loss by investing in the large dividend paying mining and oil stocks handled exclusively by Douglas, Lacey & Co., Security Building.

MR. BENJ. HAMMETT HONORED.

Elected Mayor of El Paso, Tex., Without Opposition. EL PASO, Tex., April 26.—B. F. Hammett, a former St. Louisan, has been elected mayor of this city. His election was unanimous, as there was no Republican ticket in the field.

At the primaries, however, Mr. Hammett expected a fight, but backed by the business men and many of El Paso's best citizens, he triumphed over R. Caples, who was backed by the administration.

Mr. Hammett came here with his family five years ago and started a real estate boom that caused great deal of excitement. It resulted in the making of the city. Mr. Hammett was for many years a leading business man of St. Louis.

Mr. Hammett has announced that, while he will make no attempt to suppress gambling in El Paso because it is a border town, he will regulate it.

Employees Enjoyed Banquet.

A banquet was enjoyed Thursday night at the St. Nicholas hotel by 25 members of the encyclopedia department at D. Crawford & Co.'s store. The toastmaster was J. D. Meyer, manager of the department.

Paris Exposition Views.—J. B. Williams, as the guest of the Men's League of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church Friday night, will present a series of the Paris Exposition.

Dr. W. K. Draper Dead.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Dr. William H. Draper, one of the best known physicians of this city, died here today of pneumonia. He had been ill about 10 days. He was born in Bristolboro, Vt., in 1830.

Children's Day....

Sonnenfeld's
418-422 N. BROADWAY
L. Ackerman, Manager.

The most beautiful line of Children's Trimmed Hats, School Hats, Mull and Silk Caps, Cloth Caps

In this city. Our prices, quality considered, are always the lowest. For Tomorrow, Saturday, from 8 a. m. to 12 o'clock, we will offer a special 10% DISCOUNT on all purchases in our Children's and Misses' Hat Department.

You do not buy Paint every day.

When you do want Paint, get good Paint.

You will be sure to obtain good Paint, Varnishes, etc., from the Mound City Paint and Color Co., Nos. 811 and 813 North Sixth Street.

There's No Doubt About It!

The very best bread sold in St. Louis is made by

MCKINLEY

Buy it regularly and you will have uniformly perfect bread.

POLITICS IN HAWAII

DELEGATE WILCOX CAME BACK WITH A PLAN. TO MAKE ALL REPUBLICANS

Independents Hold Out and Governor Dole's Appointees May Suffer.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. Session at Sedalia Filled in With Excellent Papers and Hard Work.

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Mercury AND Potash

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When Prof. Munyon says his Rheumatism Cure will cure rheumatism there isn't any ground work about it—there isn't any false statement about it. It cures without leaving any ill effects. It is a splendid stomach and nerve tonic, as well as a positive cure for rheumatism.

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Surprise Special Sale No. 185

For one week only, beginning tomorrow and ending next Friday, at GOOD LUCK CORNER the GOOD LUCK, N. W. Cor. Sixth and St. Charles Sts.

Men's Balbriggan Underwear
Extra fine gauge, combed Egyptian yarn, shirts with French elastic neck, full regular, pearl buttons, seams with flat twin needle finish, drawers double seated and with satin yoke, extension straps,

Shirts 34 to 50. **38c** A Garment. Drawers 30 to 48.

Unmatchable Values in Good Luck Men's Suits, \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.75, \$10, \$12.50, \$15

A SEPARATE FLOOR FOR BOYS' SUITS. More and better garments for boys—more novelty styles—surprise values in every instance and glad recommendations from thousands of patrons.

Boys' Fancy Vestee Suits, \$1.50 to \$5.95. Boys' Double-Breasted Suits, \$1.25 to \$5.95. Boys' Sailor Suits, \$1.05 to \$4.95.

Nobby Sewell Belts, made, gray, tan and black, 25c, 35c, 50c, 65c, 75c. Grand Duke Hats, the pronounced correct head dress, \$1.85. Natty Nightgown Shirts, well, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25. Union Made Suspenders, 25c.

THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS LEAD IN THE ART CONTEST: The awards will be made May 1, subject to the vote of the people.

1-Jackson. 5-Ashtland. 9-Biddick. 2-Washington. 6-Rodford. 10-Hodgen. 3-Shields. 7-Douglas. 11-Engle Field. 4-Madison. 8-Sherman. 12-Pope.

FLYER for Saturday Only—Boys and Girls' genuine Mexican Sombreros... 25c

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Sizes 13 to 5 1/2. \$1.50. Sizes 8 1/2 to 12 1/2. \$1.25.

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These two manufacturers are known to the trade throughout the land for the style and beauty of their productions. Each is a leader in his line and their garments are sold at 100 cents on the dollar by the swellest stores in the United States.

But this Spring proved an exception—the cool weather retarded business—they overestimated the demand—and found themselves with tremendous surplus stocks on hand which they were anxious to unload. But few firms in the land have an outlet for such a stock of merchandise—and still fewer have the ready money. **FAMOUS**—with its great chain of stores (as shown in the illustrations above) was ready with the cash and consummated this gigantic purchase at 60c on the dollar of its cost. Just \$140,000 was the amount involved in this transaction! The mammoth stock has been divided up among our great stores in St. Louis, Cleveland and Denver and will go on sale simultaneously in all three cities—making the event of widespread and almost national importance.

IN THIS CITY—this sale will begin at Famous tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock—and we have made all preparations for the greatest rush of trade this store has ever known. Note the values! Come promptly—

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H. A. HAYS & CO.'S Surplus stock—a mammoth stock—Famous' share alone comprises over 4000 swell suits—all made in this great firm's most perfect manner and spread out before the parents of this city at about half their real value. Come tomorrow and bring the boys. The opportunity is too rich in bargains to pass by unnoticed.

Lot 1—Here's Unparalleled Value!

Boys' Knee Suits—Ages 7 to 16—in fancy chevrons and tweeds—strongly made—
Children's Vestee Suits—ages 3 to 8—
attractively trimmed—
All made by H. A. Hays & Co. to sell at \$2.00 and \$2.50, for.....

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Worth up to \$2.50.

Lot 2—Parents! See These!!

Boys' Knee Suits—ages 7 to 16—double breasted coat and knee pants—in fancy worsteds, chevrons and cassimeres—have double seals and knees—
Boys' Little Vest Suits—ages 3 to 8—in all the prettiest spring patterns—
Made by H. A. Hays & Co. to sell at \$3.00 and \$3.50—all at.....

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Worth up to \$3.50.

Lot 3—How Does This Strike You?

Boys' Novelty Suits—ages 3 to 8—
Boys' Sailor Suits—ages 3 to 8—
Boys' Russian Blouse Suits—ages 3 to 6—
Boys' Vestee Suits—ages 3 to 10—
Boys' Double-Breasted Knee Suits—7 to 16—
Boys' Single-Breasted Vest Suits—
8 to 16—
Made by H. A. Hays & Co. to retail at \$5.....

2.88

Worth \$5.

Lot 4—Stunning Values, as You'll See

Little Boys' Suits—in novelty, sailor, Russian blouse and vestee styles—
Bigger Boys' Suits—in double-breasted knee suit style or single-breasted knee suits with vests—
A grand assortment of fashionable fabrics—made by H. A. Hays & Co. to retail at \$6.00—.....

3.55

Worth \$6.

Lot 5—For the Swell-Dressed Boys.

Novelty Suits in blue and high-colored serge—
Russian Blouse Suits in the richest of trimmings and designs—
Norfolk Suits—made with yoke and silk-lined shoulders—
Knee Suits—in cassimeres, Scotch weaves and imported worsteds—
All made by H. A. Hays & Co. to retail at \$7.00 and \$8.00—.....

4.40

Worth up to \$8.00.

Lot 6—For the Larger Boys!

Double-Breasted Knee Suits—ages 7 to 16—
Three-piece Suits—ages 9 to 16 years—
Exquisitely tailored from unfashioned worsteds in striped flannel effects, checked and striped cassimeres and nobby mixtures in Scotch chevrons—
Made by H. A. Hays & Co. to retail at \$10.00—in this sale.....

6.35

Worth \$10.

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100 experienced Clothing Salesmen wanted for this sale. Apply on second floor.

Our Guarantee.

There cannot be any cause for dissatisfaction when you buy at Famous. We do not consider a transaction ended when we take your money. Every purchase at this store must be satisfactory in every way—or you are at liberty to bring it back and get your money.

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Every Saturday Night in the entire year until 10 o'clock.

Now, Boys, Play Ball!

We continue our offer of a good baseball and bat absolutely free with all boys' and children's suits at \$1.98 and over.

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MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S SUITS.

B. ROTHCHILD & CO.'S Entire surplus stock at the lowest price ever placed on such high-class productions. Every garment in the newest and latest styles—made of the finest of imported and domestic fabrics, and come in every size to fit long, thin men, short, stout men, extra large as well as all regular sized men—your men's sizes, ages 14 to 20, breast measure 29 to 36. Here are the values. Judge for yourself.

Lot 1—Men's and Young Men's Suits

In Nobby Scotch Chevrons—
Striped Unfinished Worsteds—
Neat Checked Cassimeres—
Single or Double Breasted—
Stylishly made and trimmed—
Unparalleled values at.....

6.85

Worth \$10 and \$11.

Lot 4—Men's and Young Men's Suits

Striped and checked worsteds—
Green mixed worsteds—
Olive gray Scotch plaids—
Neat mixed cassimeres—
Solid blue serges—
Solid black serges—
Popular flannel effects—
Some silk lined.....

13.75

Worth \$18 and \$20.

Lot 2—Men's and Young Men's Suits

In blue serges—
Small checked cassimeres—
Neat mixed tweeds—
Striped worsteds—
Wide striped flannel effects—
Scotch mixtures in blue, olive and green effects—
All elegantly tailored.....

8.65

Worth \$12.50 and \$13.50.

Lot 5—Men's & Young Men's Topcoats

In new Oxford grays—
Black tibets—
Clay worsteds—
Tan and drab covert—
Medium length or short box shapes—
Check of style.....

8.65

Worth \$12.50 and \$13.50.

Lot 3—Men's and Young Men's Suits

Gray checked cassimeres—
Natty striped chevrons—
Scotch heather mixtures—
Striped flannel effects in new olive and blue gray shades—
Black and blue striped worsteds—
Black and blue serges—
Brown and drab meltons.....

11.90

Worth \$18 and \$20.

Lot 6—Men's & Young Men's Topcoats

Raglans in Oxford grays—
Medium length coats in grays, blacks and tans—
Short box coats in new English covert cloths—
All superbly tailored.....

13.75

Worth \$18 and \$20.

CITY NEWS.

The turn-over Embroidered Collars at Crawford's, prices 10c and 15c, have taken the town by storm, and are perfectly irresistible! Actual value, 5c and 10c, and not to be found elsewhere for \$1.00 apiece!! See show-window for them.

TO IMPROVE UNION MARKET.

Ordinance Will Soon Be Presented to Municipal Assembly.
An ordinance will shortly be presented to the Municipal Assembly by the Sixth Street Improvement Association, providing for the expenditure of about \$50,000 for the remodeling and improvement of Union Market.
The association has been agitating the matter for months. A petition for the passage of such an ordinance has received the signatures of more than a hundred prominent firms. The improvements desired include a glass roof over the arcade, new floorings, remodeling of the abutments instead of wooden awnings, and the placing of vegetables and fruits in glass cases instead of on the sidewalks.

The Cause of the Rush
Is those men's \$7.50, \$12.50 and \$18.00 suits the Globe, Seventh and Franklin avenue, sell at \$4.50, \$8.50 and \$11.50. Latest materials and best tailored.

LARGE ARMY IS NOT NEEDED.

Gen. Merriam Says a Lazy Soldier Is a Bad Soldier.
DENVER, Colo., April 25.—In an interview with Gen. H. C. Merriam, commander of the department of the Colorado, he is quoted as being opposed to a large standing army. According to the interview, the general said:

which has been decided upon by the Washington authorities is quite enough. We do not need 100,000 men in the regular army. What we do need is a small and thoroughly drilled, disciplined and equipped body that is not afraid to work and is ready for any emergency. A lazy soldier is a bad soldier, and it would be a menace to the country to fill the posts with thousands of men with nothing to do. Officers and men should be kept constantly employed and they are then kept out of mischief. We have no need of a large standing army.

A Fashionable Wedding Should Be Heralded by fashionable wedding invitations. To insure correct form, order at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, 100 finest engraved cards and plates, \$1.50; 100 finest cards from plate, \$1.50.

Use of Ice in Brazil.
Consumption of ice in Brazil is constantly increasing. This is due principally to the demand for ice in restaurants, hotels and other public places.

The Hub Not in the Milky Way.
From the Boston Globe.
Meanwhile the placid cow continues to produce as usual, regardless whether the product is left on the doorsteps in Boston as usual or not.

GERMANY IS GREEDY.

LONDON, April 25.—It is learned that Great Britain is not relaxing her efforts to induce the powers to decrease their pecuniary demands on China and substitute for

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Consumption, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Croup and Crouping. Quick, sure results. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. 25¢ and 50¢.

a portion of their claims commercial agreements. The latest advice from the British minister at Peking do not indicate any degree of success so far, owing, it is said, to opposition on the part of Germany, who continues to insist on the payment in full of the large indemnity she claims. Mr. Rockhill, the American special commissioner at Peking, and Sir Ernest Satow, British minister at Peking, are said to be working on identical lines.

Wear Spectacles When Needed.
Delay is mischievous. Dr. Bond, expert optician at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust, will examine your eyes free of charge and fit them properly! Steel frames, \$1 and up; gold, \$5 and up.

Loyal Temperance Legion Rally.
The District Loyal Temperance Legion will hold their semi-annual rally at the First Christian Church, Thirty-first and Locust streets, Saturday, April 27 at 3 p. m. A fine program has been prepared, including an illustrated lecture for the children by Rev. F. O. Farnon, pastor of the church. Sunday school teachers of all churches

NO PORTO RICAN EMIGRANTS.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, April 25.—It is for April. Set with diamonds, signifying "Innocence," at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway and Locust.

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